

TRUST CONFERENCE

Thousands Attended the Meeting at Chicago.

COL. WILLIAM J. BRYAN AND

W. Burk Cochran Make Speeches—The Noted Nebraskan Was Received With Tumultuous Applause.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—The conference on the uses and abuses of trusts closed its session here Saturday in a blaze of oratory in which Col. W. J. Bryan and W. Burk Cochran were the central figures. Mr. Cochran followed the noted Nebraskan, but disclaimed any intention of debating the conclusions of his immediate predecessor and declaring his complete concurrence in much that Mr. Bryan had said. The westerner had delivered the speech of the day during the forenoon amid frequent interruptions of tumultuous applause. Mr. Foulke of Indiana, commenting on the speech, made assertions which Mr. Bryan decided further to discuss. He was requested to take the stage and complied for the second time, facing a wildly enthusiastic house.

At the conclusion Mr. Cochran appeared and observed, "Just a few words."

The spectators wanted more and refused to subside until he had taken the platform. He agreed with Mr. Bryan, he said, but he wanted information. The crowd which greeted Col. Bryan when the doors were thrown open amounted almost to a mob. Central music hall was jammed from pit to gallery with admirers of the Nebraskan. When he had concluded his speech 80 per cent of the people except a few straggling spectators staid to listen to the remainder of the speeches.

Ex-Gov. Luce of Michigan was chairman of the committee and he rigidly adhered to the resolutions passed Friday in which it was resolved that no resolutions giving the sentiment of the conference on the trust problem should be presented or considered.

The decision of the committee as submitted in Chairman Luce's report was unanimously adopted, as was a motion put before the house, thanking the Civic Federation for its entertainment of the delegates.

Other speakers during the day were J. H. Raymond, G. W. Northrup, Jr., Prof. David Kinley, T. B. Waller, W. W. Howe, ex-Senator Blair of New Hampshire, Attorney General T. S. Smith of Texas, J. Dill, A. Copeland, W. D. Foulke, while many others took part in the discussion. It was decided that those who had prepared speeches but had not been allowed, owing to the limitations of the programme, to read them, should deliver them into the hands of the secretary Easley, to be published in book form, together with those which had been delivered from the stage.

At the adjournment many of the anti-trust delegates met in the Sherman house to formulate resolutions expressive of their views.

A dispatch from Vera Cruz, Mexico, says: There is a growing scarcity of beef here owing to the large exportation of cattle to Cuba ever since the war, and the price has risen to such a point that the poor people cannot afford to buy it. All over the country the price of beef has materially advanced.

To Appeal to the Powers.

London, Sept. 15.—It is supposed that next move contemplated by the Transvaal is an appeal to the powers, begging them to recommend arbitration on the lines of the conference at the Hague.

A dispatch from Charleston says the wildest rumors are current there, and that great alarm is felt owing to the unprotected state of the town, especially as Boer signalling is plainly visible on the adjacent mountains.

There was a serious disturbance on the market square of Johannesburg on Saturday afternoon. A meeting called by a labor agitator named Bain to condemn British policy and to enroll volunteers to fight for the Boers, led to serious fights with the police, lasting a couple of hours. Many persons were injured, among them the recently notorious Dr. Matthews, who made a charge against a mounted policeman. An immense crowd, singing "Rule Britannia," accompanied him to the police office.

Mrs. Blackburn Dead.

Versailles, Ky., Sept. 15.—Mrs. J. C. B. Blackburn, wife of ex-Senator Blackburn, died here of heart disease last night, aged 60. Mr. Blackburn left home a few days ago, his wife's health showing great improvement. He was on his way from the east when Mrs. Blackburn died. At her bedside were all of her children except one daughter, the wife of Col. Wm. P. Hall, United States army, who is ill in Washington. Mrs. Blackburn was the daughter of the late Dr. Charles C. Graham.

A Moody Riot.

Cartersville, Ill., Sept. 15.—A bloody riot occurred last night in a blaze of fire in which seven negroes were killed and two others received slight injuries. The dead:

Rev. O. T. J. Floyd, Huse Bradley, John Black, Henry Barum, Sam Cummins, Jim Hayes, uncle of the negro.

The trouble grew out of the conflict which has existed all the summer between the white miners of this part of the state and negro non-union miners. Last night the situation was considered critical. Company C, fourth regiment Illinois national guard, arrived here yesterday evening under orders from Springfield, and will endeavor to preserve order. Its members are patrolling the streets, but the presence of the militia has not yet allayed the excitement. Forty miners from the Herrin mines, a few miles distant, armed with Krag-Jorgensen rifles, started for Cartersville to assist the white miners as soon as they heard of the outbreak of trouble with the negroes.

The latter are gathered at the Brush mines near the city, and are in a violent state of excitement because of the killing of their companions.

The presence of soldiers, however, may prevent them from carrying out any plan for revenge. Superintendent Donnelly of the Brush mines reports that he is doing all in his power to quiet the negroes.

The labor trouble here is closely associated with that at Pana, where conflicts between striking white miners and negro non-union miners resulted in considerable loss of life and made it necessary to keep several companies of state militia on duty for months. The trouble has lasted for over a year, and only last Monday had the conditions become peaceable enough to warrant the withdrawal by Gov. Tanner of the last company of militia. Since then the white miners of this place have refused to allow the negroes to come into town, always meeting them and ordering them back.

Yesterday, however, thirteen negroes, all armed, marched into town, going to the Illinois Central depot. It is claimed that their purpose was to take a train and leave Cartersville. The usual crowd of white miners gathered, however, and a wordy quarrel began. While this was in progress some of the negroes pulled their pistols and fired into the crowd of whites. This was the signal for a volley from the latter, which brought down four negroes. All were instantly killed in the storm of bullets that followed the first shot from the blacks. This terrible execution caused the negroes to scatter and run, some fleeing up the Main street, while the remainder started down the railroad track. All who ran in the direction of the town escaped, the whites fearing to shoot in that direction because of the danger to the onlookers. The negroes who fled down the railroad track, however, were pursued with a merciless fire. Cummins had gone but a few feet when he fell headlong with wounds that caused his death in a few hours. Several of the negroes were seen to falter and were undoubtedly shot, but they continued to run for their lives. After the last had disappeared and comparative quiet was restored, two bodies of negroes were found just outside a town, making seven fatalities as the result of the fight. The dead were taken to the city hall, where an inquest was begun.

Miss Hatfield was found guilty of murder in the second degree at Williams, W. Va.

Body Examined

Havana, Sept. 15.—The ceremony of exhuming the remains of Gen. Antonio Maceo and Francisco Gomez, son of Gen. Maximo Gomez, took place at Bojales yesterday in the presence of a large concourse. Two thousand people went by special trains from Havana and as many more attended from the surrounding districts. Governor General Brooks was represented by Adjutant General Richards. The exhumation was followed by addresses. Gen. Gomez, Pedro, Betancourt and Luis Rivera, assisted by a committee composed of Adj. Gen. Richards and others, carried the remains to a temporary shrine. Gen. Rivera said: "In the presence of the sad remains of these Titan warriors, my grief overwhelms me. Maceo afforded an example of true patriotism to all lovers of Cuba. His poor body lies here in its spirit in the air, urging Cubans to imitate him in their readiness to die for their country. His remains will lie in a temporary abode until independence has been obtained as a permanent memorial. Let the Cubans strive to obtain that for which Maceo fought and died."

Adobe House Collapsed.

Las Vegas, N. M., Sept. 15.—An adobe house five miles from Mora, N. M., collapsed Saturday night, killing Manuel Cordova and his wife and six children. It had been raining in that vicinity for several days and the dirt roof of the house having become saturated fell on the inmates, crushing them. Only one member of the family, a boy of 10 years, escaped, he being outside of the house when the accident occurred.

VENEZUELAN NEWS

President Andrade Has Started for Valencia to Command the Troops.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS ARE

Expected—The Revolution Under the Leadership of Gen. Cipriano Castro is Assuming Overwhelming Proportions.

New York, Sept. 15.—A dispatch from Caracas says President Andrade has started for Valencia to personally take command of the troops in the field against the revolutionary leader, Castro. It is his intention to summarily pacify the country and put down the revolution. Important developments are expected within a fortnight. The representative of a New York syndicate has succeeded in getting ahead of the British capitalists and his offer of \$200,000 for the tramways of Bolivar has been accepted. The trolley system will be installed.

Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 15.—Advices from Lagunayara, the port of Caracas, capital of Venezuela, dated Tuesday, report that the Venezuelan revolution under the leadership of Gen. Cipriano Castro is assuming overwhelming proportions in spite of the wholesale imprisonment of political personages known to be implicated in, or who are suspected of complicity in, the movement, against the government and who have been unable to reach the insurgent lines. The government has been endeavoring to prevent the news from reaching the ports, but it was understood at Lagunayara that President Andrade would change the composition of his cabinet and proceed to take command of the government troops which had sustained two severe defeats, losing large quantities of munitions of war, suggesting the desertion of the government troops and collusion upon the part of the government generals with the insurgent forces. The populace of Caracas and Lagunayara is apathetic, but the interior is reported to be rising behind the banner of the revolution.

The government of Venezuela has one small steamer carrying light guns for guarding the coast which left Lagunayara Monday.

Mexico News.

Carlsbad, N. M., Sept. 15.—The district court is now in session here with Judge F. W. Parker of Hillsboro, N. M., presiding, and Judge A. Nesbitt of Roswell district attorney. The docket promises to be large. Among the prominent attorneys and others in attendance are noted: O. Rice, J. E. Griffith and E. Baco of Socorro, W. Martin, of Midland, J. H. Burney of Fort Worth, H. L. Obenchain and Sam Stevenson of Dallas and Judge W. W. Gatewood of El Paso.

The last flowing well in Chazex county that turned out to be a great success was one bored on the old Chisum ranch by J. J. Hagerman, the present owner of the property. At the depth of 425 feet a flow was struck in gravel that yields fully 1200 gallons a minute. This well has been flowing since Friday, the 8th, and up to present time has shown no diminution. The heavy rain fell here a few days since was a general as well as a generous one. It extended east toward the stake plains country and did immense good on some of the great ranges there, where stock were suffering.

A Secret Conference.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 15.—Leading flour millers of Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama and Georgia held a secret conference here yesterday for the purpose of discussing the flour situation in the south. It is understood that preliminary steps were taken for the formation of a combine of leading millers of this section for the purpose of regulating the production of flour. One of the members of the conference stated that prices of flour in this territory are ridiculously low, due to the overproduction. It is claimed that there are twice as many flour mills in this territory as can be operated with profit; the result is ruinously low prices for the product of the mills. It is for the purpose of curtailing production that the movement for a combination of southern millers was started. Another meeting will be held here about Oct. 1.

James Allen was hanged at Helena, Mont., for murder.

Violent Hurricane.

St. Johns, N. F., Sept. 15.—A violent hurricane swept this section of New Foundland last night. The Allen liner Korean from Philadelphia, had a frightful passage and the steamer Silvia from New York was delayed twenty-four hours. Four fishing boats were driven off the St. Johns coast and three men and women drowned. widespread destruction of fishing premises and gear is reported and it is feared there has been much damage and probably loss of life at more distant points.

A Large Audience.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 15.—The joint debate looked for last night between W. J. Bryan and W. Bourke Cochran on trusts did not take place. Central Music hall was packed with an eager audience, but the people present had to content themselves without the oratory of the famous Nebraskan who, however, occupied a seat on the platform.

Mr. Bryan reached Central Music hall early in the evening. He went direct to a room up stairs where he was greeted by Chairman Franklin Head, Congressman Gaines, Ralph M. Easley and other members of the programme committee of the Civic Federation on trusts. Mr. Bryan surprised the committee by declining to speak at the night session with W. Bourke Cochran in accordance with the programme previously arranged. Mr. Bryan explained that he did not wish to let the impression go out that he was to enter into a debate with Mr. Cochran at the state session.

Mr. Cochran was sent for and he and Mr. Bryan discussed the situation. The committee withdrew to allow the two orators to settle the dispute among themselves. Mr. Bryan asserted that he never said he would follow Mr. Cochran with an address on the same evening. If the committee men got that impression from the conversation he had with them over the long distance telephone Thursday he said they misunderstood him. Mr. Cochran wanted to talk at the same session with the noted Nebraskan and offered to flip a coin to determine who would have the privilege of delivering the closing address. Mr. Bryan would not accept this proposition. Mr. Cochran then agreed to appear at any time the committee desired. The programme was then changed to meet Mr. Bryan's wishes. Mr. Bryan said he was and repeated that his only reason for changing the programme was to avoid any indication of a public debate with Mr. Cochran. Mr. Bryan will speak at to-day's session.

Though disappointed in failing to see Mr. Bryan and Mr. Cochran pitted against each other, the audience nevertheless enjoyed a rare treat, as Mr. Cochran was at his best and his speech was punctuated with frequent and prolonged applause. When Mr. Bryan made his appearance it was the signal for tumultuous cheering which lasted until the Nebraskan had taken his seat.

Vanderbilt's Funeral.

New York, Sept. 15.—Funeral services were held over the remains of Cornelius Vanderbilt yesterday in St. Bartholomew's Episcopal church. The church funeral was preceded by short exercises at the house, to which only members of family and close friends were admitted.

The Rev. Dr. David H. Greer, rector of St. Bartholomew's officiated at both services.

The services were extremely simple. A choir of sixty mixed voices, under the direction of the church organist, sang the music of the services and Chopin's funeral march was played as the procession moved up the aisle. The only floral tributes at the church were from the members of the family. At the close of the church service the casket was taken to the Vanderbilt mausoleum, Newdorp, Staten Island.

At Denton, Gerlie Martin, the racing mare belonging to T. L. Wilson, that was hurt in the racing accident at the fair grounds died. The jockey, Moore, who was hurt at the same time, is getting all right.

Appeal to Be Withdrawn.

London, Sept. 15.—M. de Biowitz, a Paris correspondent says:

"I learn that Capt. Dreyfus will shortly withdraw his appeal for a revision of the Rennes trial, which will leave the ground clear for the government to take immediate steps to pardon him. This pardon will not annul the civil and military consequences of the verdict, and he will, therefore, no longer belong to the army."

"There is nothing, however, to prevent him from applying to the court of cassation to quash the Rennes trial whenever the new fact required by law is produced. When liberated he will settle in the south of France, as the members of his family do not wish to expose him to such demonstrations of sympathy abroad as might be used against him by his adversaries at home."

The postoffice at Newport, Ark., was robbed a few mornings ago.

A military company has been organized at Sulphur Springs.

Transports Not Ready.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Owing to the impossibility of obtaining material it is possible that two of the transports, the Logan and Maude, will not be repaired in time to take the troops designed for Manila so as to land them there before Christmas. The Cramps have informed the department that the Thomas will be completed on the date agreed upon, but the other contractors say that the ships will not be ready before Nov. 15.

Denton County Fair.

Denton, Tex., Sept. 14.—Except for the dust the weather yesterday was again good to the second day of the meeting of the fair association and the crowd was good.

In the forenoon the crowd was unusually large for the morning and the exhibition halls were crowded, the ladies especially in the ladies' department being in the majority. The space reserved for the spectators about the showings were also comfortably filled and had the close attention of the men folks throughout the greater part of the morning hours.

The poultry department also came in for its share of attention, and W. C. Phaeffe's exhibit of ducks, for which a pen and pool had been provided, furnished amusement by their antics for those who visited in that department.

The band gave a concert of several numbers in the floral hall from 10 to 11, and increased the crowd in the building.

There are a number of exhibits in the art department, one feature of which is some pictures entered by little Edith Fouts, the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fouts. Some of the drawings in crayon were made by her when she was 8 years old, others when she was 9, and some recently. She has also two or three done in oil, one of which, a winter scene, shows marked talent and accuracy in its outlines, to the observers said. A crayon equestrian portrait of Gen. Robert E. Lee is also true to life and easily recognizable.

A Triple Murder.

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 14.—Three well known persons, a mother and two sons, were brutally murdered seven miles west of Pleasanton yesterday morning. The news was brought to Pleasanton by a runner.

Justice Millford, Sheriff Avant, a deputy sheriff and Dr. Sharpe were directed to the home where the crime was committed. They found Milley Barber, aged 45 years, lying on the floor, his head and face mashed into a pulp. In the doorway lay Mrs. Barber, his mother, aged 70 years, her head horribly cut and mangled and parts of the brain and pieces of the skull scattered here and there. About 200 yards away lay the body of Levy Barber, a demented brother of Milley Barber. The body was face downward, the head beaten into a jelly. A mosquito club was at his side which told the story of how he came by his death.

The mother and sons, slain in the house, were brutally murdered with an ax, which was left standing up against the house, all covered with human blood. The demented man was barefooted, but there were shoe tracks around where his body was found. The Barbers were very quiet people and kept a small country store, living in a humble cottage. They were worth between \$6000 and \$8000 and robbery was probably the motive. Their money sack is gone and a bureau was ransacked. It is not thought that the sack contained much money. A lady and a boy who stopped all night with the Barbers left them in usual health at daylight yesterday morning.

Fifteen hundred members of the Amalgamated Journeymen House Painters' association went on strike at Philadelphia, Pa.

The brick work on the public high school building addition at Marshall has been completed.

Attempted Assault.

Waxahatchie, Tex., Sept. 14.—Rumors of an attempted criminal assault upon a highly respected lady near Midlothian, this county, reached here yesterday evening.

A reporter called up the authorities at Midlothian over the telephone, who said that an assault had been attempted yesterday morning upon the person of a lady by a man who immediately fled.

Sheriffs G. B. Swent and Deputies Minnick, Meredith and Forbes left at once for the scene of the crime, accompanied by County Attorney Lee Hawkins. Only meager details are obtainable.

The feeling is reported very high in the neighborhood, and popular indignation may cause summary punishment to be meted out to the offender if caught by the citizens.

John King and his wife were killed by their son at Fiskdale, Mass.

Severely Burned.

Sherman, Tex., Sept. 4.—Miss Mattie Maddox was severely burned at the home of her stepfather, Sam Whitten, three and a half miles from Sherman, yesterday morning. She was standing near a kettle under which a fire had been built when her dress caught fire and was in a blaze in a flash. Assistance was given her at once by other members of the family and the clothing removed from her as quickly as possible. But these efforts were not soon enough to prevent her sustaining very severe burns.

Important Circular Letter.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 15.—Land Commissioner Regan issued an important circular letter yesterday afternoon to applicants to lease odd numbered sections of school lands where more than one party is applying for the same section. The most important paragraphs are as follows:

"I am informed that the land applied for by you is situated within the inclosure of others, who have at their expense bored wells, built tanks and erected windmills in convenient distances so that they could use both the even and odd numbered sections; that they have the even numbered sections already leased from the state and the odd numbered sections, which alone are applied for by you and are subject to lease were leased by them from the railway company until recovered by the state and to whom the law gives a thirty-day prior right to lease from the state, everything else being equal."

"For the purpose of enabling me to observe the law, to ascertain equality, if there be any, and the responsibility of applicants and their ability to carry out any contract the state might make with them in accordance with their bids, the following will be required:

"1. The applicant, if he has not already done so, must file in the land office on or before the 24th instant an offer for the land applied for, which must be the highest bid the applicant is willing to make."

"2. He is also required to deposit with the state treasurer on or before the 24th instant a sum of money as an evidence of good faith to cover his bid for the first year, and to file the treasury certificate therefor in the land office."

"3. An affidavit in the land office on or before the 24th instant of his responsibility and ability to carry out his contract with the state if made, and as to what guarantee the state will have that the second and subsequent years' rental will be paid. To this end affidavit will state his name, age, residence and occupation, the unincumbered property he has and in whose name the same is held and of what it consists, its value and where situated."

"An affidavit embracing the following information: Within whose inclosure is the land applied for by you situated; if inclosed by any other person than yourself, then state under oath whether or not the party who has the same inclosed has any improvements thereon, of what they consist and whether or not to avoid the free use of his water and free use of the lands by yourself which he has already leased from the state he will be required to fence you off, and if so how much fencing will be required and its probable cost."

Austin, Tex., Sept. 15.—The receipts of lease land for the past three months as compared with the corresponding months of last year were as follows: June, 1898, \$21,218.24; June, 1899, \$32,372.77; July, 1898, \$24,355.77; July, 1899, \$29,418.68; August, 1898, \$37,580.21; August, 1899, \$41,097.70.

During the same time in 1899 the fees of the land office were \$1908.19, and for the same period this year \$2829.53.

These figures are an index to the increase in the volume of business under the present administration. The increase in fees of the office is due to the fact that Mr. Regan has put into effect the provisions of the law looking to making the land office self-sustaining as provided for under the constitution.

To Build a Rolling Mill.

Jefferson, Tex., Sept. 15.—Mr. Geo. H. Fisher, an expert rolling mill man from Ohio, has been here several days examining into the feasibility of erecting a rolling mill at this point. In an interview he says "that he is astounded at what he has seen; that the ore and iron here are superior to anything in his state, and that the conditions here are all that could be desired. He says that he has made a thorough investigation of everything, and that he shall report to his people, advocating and recommending that the plant be put in at once. He says that the plant will give employment to 225 skilled men and that it could be put in operation in nine months."

The furnace people are pushing the work at the furnace and say they will go in blast by the 20th of October. They will begin getting ore next week.

The Texas and Pacific railway is putting in a mile of switch for them. Several new houses are being built and steps are being taken toward getting a cotton mill.

Case of Smallpox.

Victoria, Tex., Sept. 15.—Sunday afternoon after investigation it was found that Emory Hall, a young man who had been to Mexico and just returned was a victim of smallpox. Flags were placed on the premises and the place is well guarded. A place was selected by the county and city officials on which a tent will be spread and the patient removed to it; the case being only a mild one and every precaution being taken, there is not the least danger.